

REMARKS

New claims 82-93 have been added. No new matter has been added.

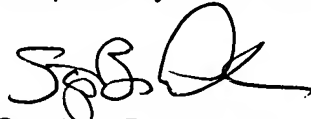
New claims 82-93 add details including: one or more layers of first metal lines (page 9 of the Specification), resistance times capacitance of the post-passivation metal system is smaller than that of the fine line metal system under the passivation (pages 30-31 of the Specification), relative thickness of the intermetal dielectric under and over the passivation layer (page 22 of the Specification), material of the IMD under and over the passivation layer (pages 20-21 of the Specification), metal material under the passivation is notoriously well known to be aluminum or copper damascene, metal material over the passivation (pages 11-12 of the Specification).

All Claims are believed to be in condition for Allowance, and that is so requested.

Allowance of all Claims is requested.

It is requested that should the Examiner not find that the Claims are now Allowable that the Examiner call the undersigned at 845-4525863 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SBA', is written over the typed name.

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